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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

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YOU'VE GOT THE **FREEDOM FIGHTERS** RIGHT WHERE I... AHEM... WHERE YOU WANT THEM!

NNMF!

NOW FINISH THEM OFF!

OHH...

UNGH!

MANAK & D'AGOSTINO

THE WORST HAS HAPPENED!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

SATURDAY NIGHT'S ALRIGHT FOR A FIGHT!

PART I

HAS LOST HIS MEMORY AND JOINED FORCES WITH HIS ARCH ENEMY DR. IVO ROBOTNIK TO OVERTHROW HIS FRIENDS, PRINCESS SALLY AND THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS!*

WE'RE NOW SECONDS AWAY FROM THE ACTION BUSTING LOOSE, SO JUST STRAP YOURSELVES IN--

THIS LOOKS REAL BAD! I BETTER THINK FAST...

SONIC! WE'RE GLAD YOU MADE IT BACK!

BUT YOU DON'T LOOK SO WELL! IS ANYTHING WRONG?

ABSOLUTELY NOTHING!

* IT ALL STARTED LAST ISSUE--Editor

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WOOF!

WHAM!

VROOM

-- NOTHING THAT SOME *SLAM-JAMMIN'* CAN'T FIX, THAT IS!

JUST LET *DOCTOR SONIC* TAKE *CARE* OF YOU NOW!

JAB!

THWACK

WAP

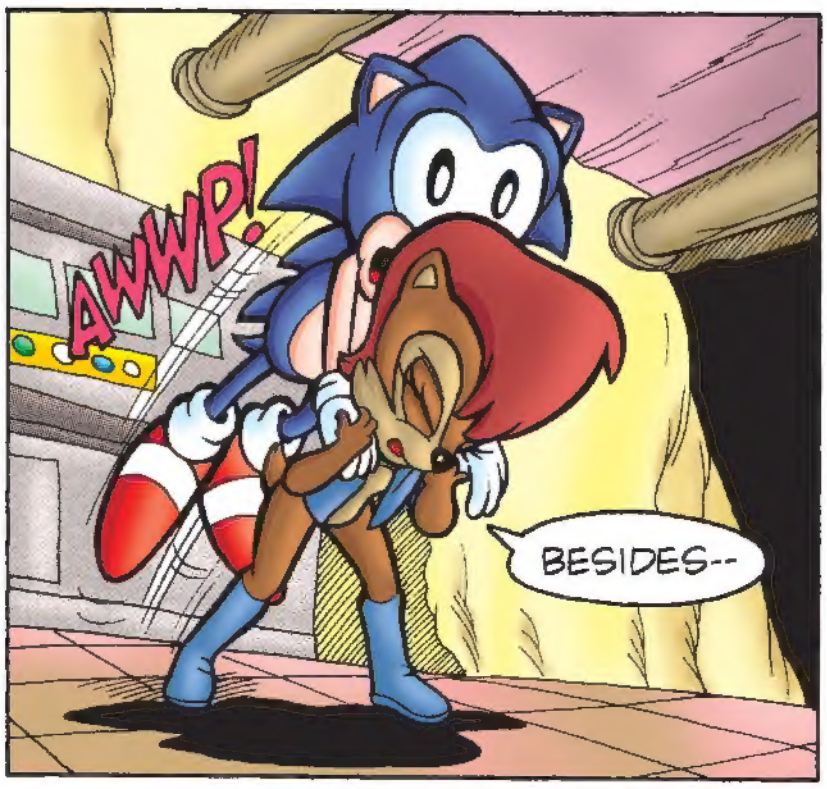
I'LL SEE TO IT YOU HAVE *PLENTY* OF *BRUISES* AND *ACHING BONES*...

... AND MAYBE A FEW *BROKEN ONES, TOO!*

HOLD *STILL*, PRINCESS! THIS *WON'T* HURT--

WHUMP!

--MUCH!
NO THANKS!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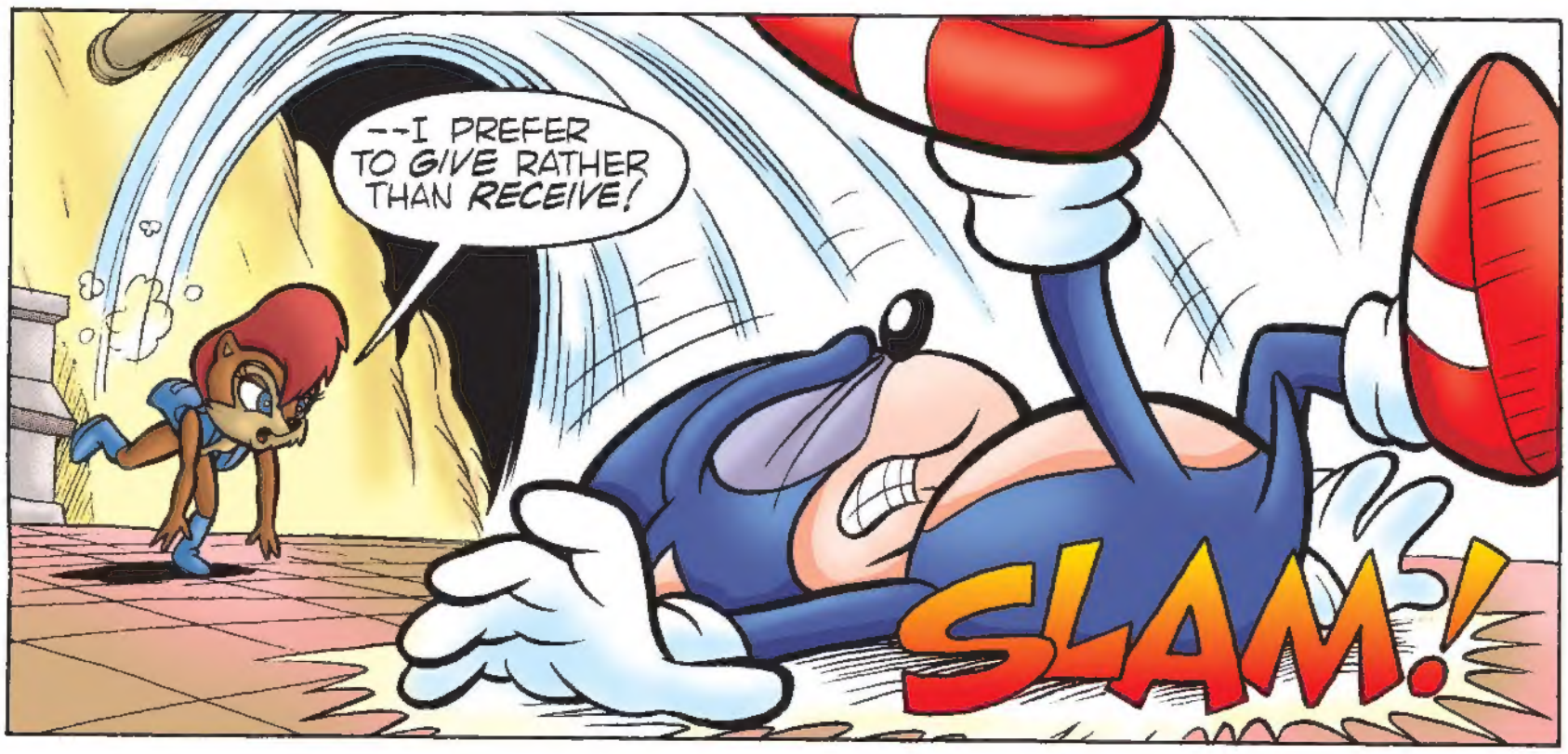
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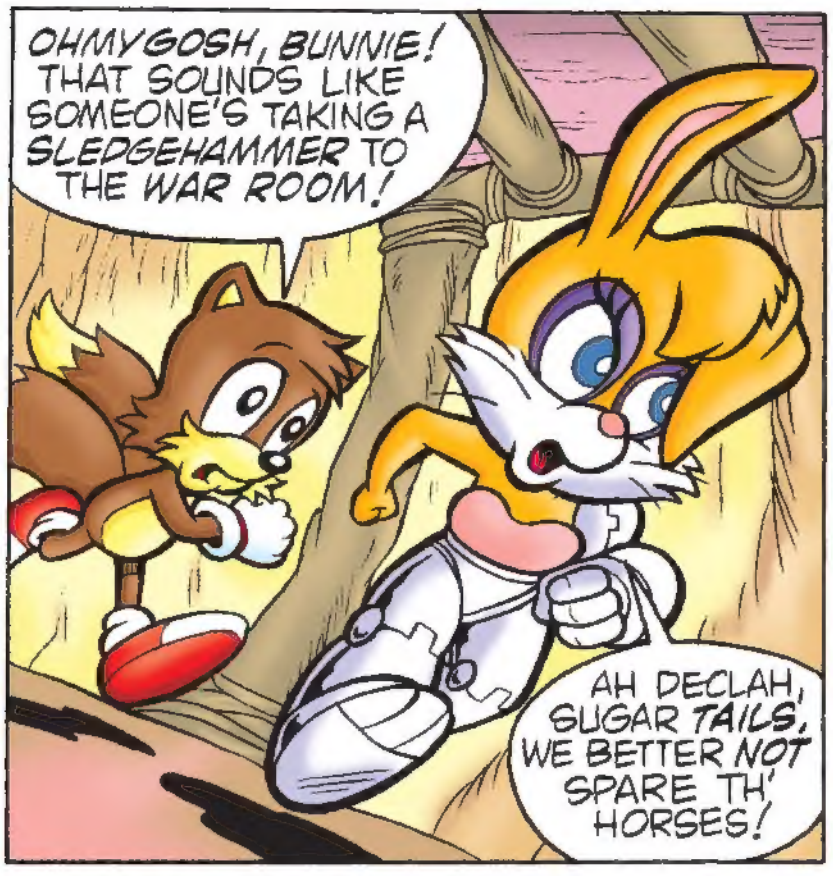
SLAM!


OHMYGOSH, BUNNIE! THAT SOUNDS LIKE SOMEONE'S TAKING A SLEDGEHAMMER TO THE WAR ROOM!
AH DECLAH, SUGAR TAILS, WE BETTER NOT SPARE TH' HORSES!

SONIC AND SALLY FIGHTING? WHAT'S GOING ON?!!
THEY SURE AREN'T WHISPERIN' SWEET NOTHIN'S, DARLIN'!
FROM TH' LOOK'A THINGS--

-- IT SURE IS *MEAN* OUT THERE!

SMAK!

HANG ON, PRINCESS!

THE *CAVALRY* IS COMIN' TO THE *RESCUE!*

TIME TO GET A *GRIP* ON Y'SELF, *HANDSOME!*

OR *BETTER* STILL--

--LET *BUNNIE* GIVE YOU HER *SPECIAL* T-L-C TREATMENT!

T-L-C?

YEAH--

TIGHT LEG CRUSH!

UNGH!

SAY IT AIN'T SO, SONIC!
LEGGO-- UGH --OF ME--
YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW MUCH THIS HURTS ME MORE THAN YOU, MY FRIEND!
--BEFORE I--
--REALLY GET MAD!
OOOM!
CRASH!
SMASH!
TAILS, DON'T FAIL ME NOW!
HAVE TO REV UP TO GO FROM A DIVE--
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SOOOOARR

--TO A *POWER* PULL-UP!

YOU MAY BE *GREAT SHAKES* MATCHING MOVES WITH OTHER *SKYRIDERS*--

--BUT FOR SOMEONE NAMED "*TAILS*"--

WHAM!

--YOU SURE DON'T KNOW HOW TO COVER YOUR *FLANKS!*

SPLAT!

BOING!

SO MUCH FOR YOU *LOSERS!*

END OF PART I

WELL, SIR, IT LOOKS LIKE SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™ HAS *SUCCEEDED* WHERE YOU *COULDN'T*-- ER--

--I MEAN, WHERE YOU *HAVEN'T* YET-- ER--

CEASE YOUR *WITLESS* CACKLING, SNIVELY, YOU *DOLT!*

SATURDAY NIGHT'S ALRIGHT FOR A FIGHT!

PART II

SONIC MAY HAVE *WON* MY BATTLE FOR ME, BUT HE HASN'T *FINISHED* THE JOB!

WE SENT HIM TO *KNOTHOLE VILLAGE* SO WE COULD *DISCOVER* ITS LOCATION AND *DESTROY* IT!

WITH HIS *CURRENT* STATE OF MEMORY *LOSS*--

--HE WAS A MORE THAN *WILLING* PUPPET, READY TO HEED MY *EVERY* COMMAND!

SINCE HE IS *INCAPABLE* OF ANY SERIOUS *INDEPENDENT* THOUGHT--

--WE NEED THE *LOCATION COORDINATES* OF THE VILLAGE TO SEND IN THE *DEMOLITION TRACTORS!*

UNFORTUNATELY--

--THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS HAVE A *LOW-LEVEL JAMMER* OF SOME TYPE *PREVENTING* ME FROM *HOMING* IN ON THE SIGNAL FROM THE TRANSMITTER I *SECRETLY* PLACED ON THE HEDGEHOG!*

MICRO-CAMVIEW

*AS SHOWN LAST ISSUE - Editor

ALL WE CAN DO NOW IS *WAIT*--

--AND *TRACK* HIS PATH OF *RETURN* TO US!

WHAT?!

BOOST THE RECEPTION, SNIVELY!!

WE LOST THE SIGNAL!

NOW!!

JUST *ONCE*--

BLIP!

"--I WISH HE'D SAY *'PLEASE'!"*

KLIK!

THE *LIGHTS!*

ALRIGHT, *WHOEVER* YOU ARE!

YOU *WANT* TO MAKE THIS EASY OR *HARD?*

STAY STILL, MES AMIS--

WHATEVER ELSE HE MAY BE--

--SONIC EES NO MATCH FOR ZE HUNTING PROWESS OF ANTOINE!

WATCH AND LEARN FROM ZE MASTER!

EVERYONE--

SUBDUE THE ENEMY!!

"CR

KAAAAS

UH!

I GOT 'IM!

BAM!

THAT'S MY LEG, DUMMY!

POW!

NO, I GOT 'IM!

ZE FIEND EES GONE!!

WHAIRD HE GO?!!

OH, ANTOINE...

MISS ME?

WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO SEE, BUT I CAN STILL MOVE FASTER THAN YOU!

AND NOW THAT I KNOW IT'S YOU--

WELL, HE AIN'T THE ONLY ONE HERE, PAL!

MAYBE NOT IN NUMBERS, "PAL"--

--BUT THAT'LL BE THE DAY SOME ROOKIE GETS THE DROP ON THE OL' HEDGEHOG!

YEEOOOW!

I'M SURPRISED AT YOU, TWAN!

SENDING OTHERS TO FIGHT YOUR BATTLES!

MON DIEU!

NO ONE ACCUSES ANTOINE OF BEING ZE COWARD!

EN GARDE, YOU WITLESS KNAVE!

YOUR SWORD SWISHING IS QUITE REVEALING! WHY DON'T YOU SHOUT YOUR POSITION WHILE YOU'RE AT IT?

WONK!

SWIIISH!

HOLD ON, SIR!

HE WON'T GET BY ME!

BASH!

ARLO!

I'LL SAY THIS FOR YOU, KID--

--YOU HAVE MORE COURAGE THAN SENSE!

WHAAAAAA--?!!

WHAM!

FROM THE SOUND OF IT, THAT SHOULD BE EVERYONE!

NOW TO FIND THE LIGHTS AND--

WAP!

AS PRINCESS SALLY USED TO SAY--

THE BEST ATTACK IS ALWAYS THE LEAST EXPECTED!

END OF PART II

SATURDAY NIGHT'S ALRIGHT FOR A FIGHT!

PART III

HOW DO YOU FEEL, SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™?

DO YOU REMEMBER ANYTHING THAT'S HAPPENED?

OOOOW, THAT'S SOME BUMP ON MY NOGGIN!

FEELS LIKE I'VE BEEN KICKED BY A SWATBOT!

YES! WE THOUGHT YOU WERE A GONER WHEN THE KNOTHOLE VILLAGE SECRET ACCESS TUNNEL WAS DESTROYED!*

BUT TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION--

* IT WAS DESTROYED LAST ISSUE BY A "DEMOLITION TRACTOR"-Editor

--IT'S ALL A BLUE BLUR TO ME!

I THINK I MAY HAVE FOUND SOMETHING, PRINCESS!

AND HERE'S THE LITTLE CRITTER-- RIGHT WHERE THE X-RAY CHARTS MARK THE SPOT!

WHAT IS IT, ROTOR?

YANK!

OOOW!

A LITTLE DOO-HICKEY THE *GOOD* DOCTOR MUST HAVE PLACED ON SONIC *WITHOUT* HIM KNOWING!

THERE'S *NO* TELLING HOW MUCH *INFORMATION* HE MAY HAVE *OBTAINED* THROUGH THIS!

WELL, THAT *SETTLES* THAT THEN!

WHAT SETTLES *WHAT?* SONIC, *WHERE* DO YOU THINK YOU'RE *GOING?*

TO MAKE *AMENDS*, SAL! EVEN THOUGH I WAS *CLUELESS* DUE TO SOME *ACCIDENT*--

--I'VE PLACED EVERY-ONE IN *GRAVE* DANGER!

...AND A *HEDGEHOG'S* GOTTA DO WHAT A HEDGEHOG'S *GOTTA* DO!

VA-ROOOM

ROTOR--

"--WE *CAN'T* JUST LET HIM FACE ROBOTNIK *ALONE!*"

WELL, SNIVELY, IT'S *OBVIOUS* WE'RE *NOT* GOING TO LEARN ANYTHING *MORE* FROM OUR BUG! WE MAY AS *WELL* SEND IN THE DEMOLITION TRACTORS AND *HOPE* THEY AREN'T OFF THE MARK BY MUCH!

HOLD IT!

CAN IT BE--?!!

IT IS!

IT'S THAT BLASTED HEDGEHOG!

AND HE'S COMING OUT OF THE TREE STUMP ENTRANCE!

DOCTOR ROBOTNIK--

I'M RECEIVING TELEMETRY READINGS FROM THE TRANSMITTER! IT MUST STILL BE ON HIM!

WELL, WELL, WELL!

HE'S GOING BACK IN, SNIVELY! LOCK ON AND HAVE THE TRACTORS TRACK HIM FROM ABOVE GROUND!

LOCKED

"IT LOOKS LIKE WE'LL GET WHAT WE CAME FOR YET!"

HERE'S HOPING OL' ROBO-BUTT SWALLOWED THE BAIT!

ZOOOM

ROBOTNIK MUST BE TRACKING SONIC VIA THE TRANSMITTER HE RETRIEVED FROM ROTOR, PRINCESS SALLY!

THE TRACTORS ARE FOLLOWING SONIC--

--AND THEY'RE MOVING AWFULLY FAST!

RRRUUMMBLE!

I *READ* YOU, TAILS!

WE'RE JUST ABOUT READY AT OUR *END!*

HEY! I THOUGHT THIS WAS *MY* SHOW!

WOULDN'T YOU *RATHER* GET THROUGH THIS WITH A LITTLE *HELP* FROM YOUR FRIENDS?

WHEN YOU PUT IT THAT WAY--

--HOW *CAN* I ARGUE?

NOW, IF EVERYTHING WORKS TRUE TO FORM--

"--OLE IVO WILL BE REACHING A *DEAD END* INSTEAD OF KNOTHOLE VILLAGE!"

BEGIN *COUNTDOWN*, SNIVELY!

THE *TRACTORS* ARE JUST ABOUT OVER THE *TARGET!*

"THE FUSE IS *ACTIVATED*, SIR! WE'LL HAVE *DETONATION* IN FIVE -- FOUR -- THREE -- TWO -- ONE --"

EVERYBODY DIVE FOR COVER!

WAIT--THEY'RE GOING OVER A *CLIFF!* I'LL STOP THE COUNT...

KA-THOOOM!

"IF WE'RE REALLY *LUCKY*--"

--ROBOTNIK WILL *BELIEVE* WE LED HIM DOWN A *DECOY* TUNNEL!

HE'LL NEVER KNOW YOU WERE ORIGINALLY IN THE *REAL* TUNNEL THAT LEADS TO KNOTHOLE!

WE'LL BEGIN REBUILDING A NEW TUNNEL -- BUT FIRST I NEED TO *APOLOGIZE* FOR MY *ACTIONS!*

YOU *WEREN'T* QUITE YOURSELF, SONIC!

BESIDES--

"--NOW I KNOW HOW YOU *FEEL* AFTER OUR *SPARRING* EXERCISES!"

WELL, SNIVELY--

EVEN WITH *MEMORY* LOSS, THAT HEDGEHOG HAS DONE IT *AGAIN--*

--HE'S LED ME ON *ANOTHER* WILD GOOSE *CHASE!*

THINK OF IT *THIS* WAY, SIR--

--IF HE GETS HIS MEMORY *BACK*, MAYBE HE WON'T *REMEMBER* MAKING A GOOSE OUT OF YOU!

THE END

TAILS IN GROWING PAINS! PART 1 of 2

C'MON, MAN! I'M TRYING TO EXPLAIN WHY I SLAPPED YOU AROUND!*

I DON'T WANNA HEAR IT, SONIC!

* IN THIS ISSUE'S LEAD STORY-- Editor, THE KING OF CONTINUITY!

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I WAS UNDER ROBOTNIK'S CONTROL! YOU KNOW HOW TRICKY OLD BLUBBERBOLTS CAN BE, PAL...

ZOOMO!

ERT!

OH, SURE! NOW YOU WANT TO TREAT ME LIKE I BELONG! WELL, FORGET IT!

HMF! THE THANKS I GET FROM THOSE FREEDOM FIGHTERS! THEY TREAT ME LIKE A BABY!

CHIRP.

EVEN WITH MY SUBMARINE, THE *SEA FOX**... PRINCESS SALLY TELLS ROTOR NOT TO PUT ANY OIL IN IT! I'M SUPPOSED TO PLAY IN IT LIKE A *FLOATING CRIB!*

-CHIRP!

* *THE SEA FOX'S MAIDEN VOYAGE TOOK PLACE IN TRIPLE TROUBLE #1*
-- Editor

LITTLE DO THEY KNOW I CLEANED UP AN OIL-SOAKED SEA GULL AND FILLED MY CRANKCASE, SO THIS BABY RUNS FINE!

PLUNK!

HOW COULD THEY KNOW?! ALWAYS TOO BUSY IGNORING ME! WELL, GUESS WHAT, GUYS?

...fling...

KVUmmmmmmmmmmm

I AM OUTTA HERE!

..PUTT...
PUTT..

PUTT...

HIDDEN "ROBO-CAMERA"

"WHAT'S THIS? SONIC'S WIDE-EYED COMPATRIOT GOING OFF ON HIS OWN?"

INSTALLING MY HIDDEN ROBO-CAMERA IN THAT TREE HAS PAID OFF!

WHAT A PERFECT OPPORTUNITY!

I STILL HAVE A LEFTOVER ROBOT DUPLICATE FROM MY RECENT WAR WITH PRINCESS SALLY! *

THEY ARE INDISTINGUISHABLE FROM ugh REAL ANIMALS!

* DON'T TELL ME YOU MISSED HER 3-ISSUE MINI-SERIES? Editor

THUS WILL I DIVIDE AND CONQUER THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS!

click!

Hmm... THIS ISLAND ISN'T ON MY CHARTS--

HELP!

A DISTRESS CALL! I'M GOING IN!

AND I DON'T NEED ANYONE'S PERMISSION!

I'M BIG--

I'M MATURE--

I'M--

BOING!

--I'M --IN --LOVE!

WOW! A GORGEOUS YOUNG *FEMALE FOX* IN DISTRESS! HAVE NO FEAR... TAILS IS HERE!

OH, PLEASE HELP ME!

DON'T WORRY--I'LL HAVE THESE ROPES OFF YOU IN ONE SHAKE OF MY TWO TAILS... er... MISS...?

MY NAME'S FIONA!

:ulp: WELL, YOU'RE FREEONA NOW, FEE...umm... I MEAN FREE FEE FOO FA...

HOW CAN I EVER THANK YOU?

BLUSH

gulp

HANDS TOUCH...

...EYES SPARK...

VZZZZT!

...TREMBLING LIPS MEET...

IT'S LOVE!
HEY!
T+F

:choke: OH, GAG ME WITH A CHOCOLATE HEART! TIME TO SPRING THE TRAP!..

ISN'T IT FRUSTRATING TO KNOW HE'S IN DANGER AND BE HELPLESS TO TELL HIM? IT'S WHAT MOVIE DIRECTOR ALFRED HITCHCOCK CALLED...

..."THE MAGUFFIN!"

AH, YES... HERE THEY COME! THE SAPPY LITTLE FOOL'S SO BLINDED BY LOVE, HE DOESN'T EVEN SEE ME STANDING ON THIS NEARBY HILL!

tweet

tweet

tweet

LET'S STOP AT MY PLACE TO FRESHEN UP!

IT'S JUST UP AHEAD THERE... THAT DEN DUG INTO THE SIDE OF THE HILL!

AFTER YOU, HANDSOME!

WHY, THANK YOU, DARLING!

YOU'RE WELCOME...

...SWEETIE PIE!

KTANG!

gasp... THAT VOICE...

ROBOTNIK!

YOU DID WELL, AUTO AUTOMATON!

THANK-YOU-MASTER.

choke SAY IT AIN'T SO, FIO! sob

I-WAS-PROGRAMMED-TO-ENSLAVE-YOUR-HEART.

AND NOW I'VE ENSLAVED THE REST OF YOU, FREEDOM FIGHTER! YOU WANTED TO BE TREATED AS AN ADULT, EH? WELCOME TO THE REAL WORLD! FIRE IT UP!

YES-OH-VERWEIGHT-ONE.

FIONA... NO!

TAK

POWERING UP WAIT

AS YOU CAN SEE FROM THIS CUTAWAY VIEW, THE ISLAND IS ENTIRELY MECHANICAL! YOU HAPPEN TO BE SITTING IN THE FEED TUBE TO A *ROBOTICIZER!*

WHAT?!

K-K-KCH

CHUG-A CHUG!

HO HO! AND JUST FOR THE IRONY OF IT, I'LL HAVE YOUR ROBO-GIRLFRIEND THROW THE SWITCH!

SH-SHE WOULDN'T... NOT AFTER ALL WE'VE MEANT TO EACH OTHER.

SYSTEM READY

YOUR-WORD-IS-LAW-DOCTOR-ROBOTNIK!

SYSTEM ACTIVATED

CHAN

K!

EEEEEEE!

AH, THAT'S FUNERAL MUSIC TO MY EARS!!!

TAILS-IS DONE-FOR!

TO BE CONTINUED NEXT ISSUE!